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The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I have here given the extent to which they are prohibited from participating in meetings and demonstrations, etc. The hon. Member may draw his own inference."

Forests

Supply of manure leaves in South Kanara on payment of the seigniorage fee.

* 491 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the concessions in the reserved forests in South Kanara were first given to the ryots;

(*b*) whether before the grant of the concessions which have now been withdrawn in several reserves, the ryots were being allowed to remove manure leaves on payment of seigniorage; and

(*c*) whether the concession of removal of leaves on payment has been restored after the withdrawal of free-removal concession?

A.—(*a*) In 1922.

(*b*) Yes; but only in the North Mangalore Forest division.

(*c*) No; but the matter is under the consideration of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I ask whether, before passing orders withdrawing the concessions in the reserve forest, the Government made any enquiry and found out how long the ryots had been depending on the reserves for manure leaves and whether they could get on with their cultivation without taking manure leaves from the reserve forest?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As the answer to clause (*a*) shows, the ryots did not have that privilege before 1922."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Before that, the ryots had been allowed to take manure leaves on payment of seigniorage and therefore it means that all along the ryots have been depending on manure leaves from the reserve forest for their cultivation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The whole question is under the consideration of the Government."

Scheme for the supply of manure leaves in South Kanara from the reserve forests.

* 492 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any enquiry and found out whether the supply of manure leaf from the reserves is necessary to meet the needs of ryots in villages lying in the vicinity of reserves (in South Kanara); and

(*b*) whether the Government have thought of any regulated scheme of manure leaf supply from reserves to villages where cultivation work is suffering on account of the withdrawal of concessions?